

AMERICAN COMMITMENT

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U.S. Representative Lee Terry
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Dear Rep. Terry:

I write in strong support of your Northern Route Approval Act, H.R. 3.

American Commitment activists have been at the forefront of pushing for approval of the Keystone XL pipeline, filing more than 14,000 individual comments to the State Department through our KeystoneXLNow.com petition. The administration continues to stall, necessitating intervention by Congress. H.R. 3 would clear away all remaining regulatory roadblocks to the pipeline and we therefore urge its expeditious passage.

There has never been a more "shovel ready" project in history than the Keystone XL pipeline, which has been exhaustively engineered, studied, reviewed, and re-reviewed as Obama tries to kill the project without admitting that's what he's doing. At stake are about 20,000 immediate jobs, a secure supply of North American oil, billions in private investment, and the global efficiency benefits of connecting a major crude source to the world's most efficient refining center.

The State Department issued three different press releases in the spring of 2011 -- in March, April, and June -- that included this sentence: "The U.S. Department of State expects to make a decision on whether to grant or deny the permit before the end of 2011."

The president's jobs council touted the economic benefits of pipelines in its official report, saying: "Policies that facilitate the safe, thoughtful and timely development of pipeline, transmission and distribution projects are necessary."

With unemployment rates and gas prices still painfully high, the thousands of workers hoping for jobs building the pipeline and the millions of Americans who will benefit from the oil that will flow through it can't afford to wait.

It is time for Congress to act, and H.R. 3 is the best solution. Thank you for your leadership on this issue and I urge your colleagues in the House and Senate to pass this vital legislation.

Sincerely,



Phil Kerpen